

To: Daguiard, Robert[Daguiard.Robert@epa.gov]
From: Nick Caiazza
Sent: Fri 8/7/2015 8:53:21 PM
Subject: Re: Hypoxia Task Force

I'd like to speak to Bill Northey as he is the Co-Chair and Ellen Gilinsky also Co-Chair

Solutions to the deadzone?

How does your EPA monitor the dead zone?

Are any farmers taking particular measures to reduce their nitrogen contribution?

If so, could you connect me with them for an in the field interview?

How do you enforce standards?

How are different states represented in the task force. For example how is MN different than IA?

I have several other questions that pertain to different people.

This email was sent at the beginning of the week and might clarify any other questions you have.

What we need:

- An interview with an EPA expert on the Hypoxia Zone in the Gulf of Mexico. I imagine this person will be Ellen Gilinsky but I'm not opposed to interview someone else, in addition to Ellen.

- An interview with a Member of the Hypoxia Task Force. (these may be the same person)

- An interview with someone who can talk about how the EPA sets thresholds on human exposure to nitrogen, mercury, etc. to in drinking water.

Ideally we could go onsite with an EPA official enforcing EPA regulation to industrial ag sites/waste waster sites/ coal fired power plants

It'd be great if we could speak to someone who could talk about how the EPA and other government agencies/states work together to reach the goals set by the Hypoxia Task Force.

How is the Hypoxia Task Force organized and could we interview it's EPA and state chair representatives? (Ellen Gilinsky and Bill Northey)

Could you also connect us to other members of the task force? It'd be great if I could shoot a meeting where some or most of the task force is assembled.

The EPA is a critical component to this film and without their perspective I can't tell the story of the Hypoxia Zone.

On Aug 7, 2015, at 1:45 PM, Nick Caiazza <nic.zza@gmail.com> wrote:

> Oh gezz! Yeah, will do!

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> On Aug 7, 2015, at 1:15 PM, Daguiard, Robert <Daguiard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

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>> Hey Nick!

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>> Nick, I'm swamped with the Animas river spill in Colorado. Could you call me first thing Monday?

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>> Also, it would be helpful if you could forward me a list of questions for the Hypoxia Task Force just so we know who to try putting you in touch with. Let me know if you can send something before Monday or if you want to discuss then.

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>> Thanks, R.

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Colaizzi, Jennifer C.

>> Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 4:06 PM

>> To: nicholas.caiazza

>> Cc: Daguillard, Robert

>> Subject: Re: Hypoxia Task Force

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>> Nick:

>> I think Robert is working on this for you.

>> Cheers,

>> Jen

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>> Sent from my iPhone

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>>> On Aug 7, 2015, at 4:01 PM, "nicholas.caiazza" <nic.zza@gmail.com> wrote:

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>>> Jennifer,

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>>> I wanted to touch base with you and see if you were able to contact a Hypoxia Task Force and EPA representative for an interview. Have a great weekend!

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>>> Best Regards,

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>>> Nick Caiazza

>>>> On Jul 31, 2015, at 10:03 AM, Colaizzi, Jennifer C. <Colaizzi.Jennifer@epa.gov> wrote:

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>>>> Thanks for the reminder.

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>>>> Sent from my iPhone

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>>>>> On Jul 31, 2015, at 12:49 PM, "Nicholas.caiazza" <nicholas.caiazza@gmail.com> wrote:

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>>>>> Jennifer,

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>>>>> Just checking in to see if you found anyone interested in participating. Thanks!

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>>>>> Nick Caiazza

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>>>>>> On Jul 24, 2015, at 9:02 AM, Colaizzi, Jennifer C. <Colaizzi.Jennifer@epa.gov> wrote:

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>>>>>> Nick:

>>>>>> We are checking to see if anyone would like to participate in the documentary, though you might have more luck with the state.

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>>>>>> Below is a little info about HTF. I've also attached a document we produced for some other people interested in HTF. It should be useful.

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>>>>>>> Here's a little write up about the HTF:

>>>>>>> The Hypoxia Task Force (HTF) is a federal/state partnership established in 1997 to work

collaboratively on reducing excess nitrogen and phosphorus in the MARB and to reduce the size of the hypoxic zone in the Gulf of Mexico. Members of the HTF include five federal agencies and 12 states bordering the Mississippi and Ohio rivers. The National Tribal Water Council represents tribal interests on the HTF. EPA is the HTF federal co-chair; the position of state co-chair, established in 2010, rotates among the state members. Iowa is the current state co-chair. Senior staff, who meet as the Coordinating Committee, support HTF members. More information about the HTF is available at:
<http://water.epa.gov/type/watersheds/named/msbasin/index.cfm>.

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>>>>>> To remediate the Gulf of Mexico hypoxic zone, the states and federal agencies that comprise the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force (Hypoxia Task Force or HTF) continue to work collaboratively to implement the Gulf Hypoxia Action Plan 2008. HTF states have developed state nutrient reduction strategies called for by the 2008 Action Plan, and these key strategies for reaching the nutrient reduction goals are posted at
http://water.epa.gov/type/watersheds/named/msbasin/nutrient_strategies.cfm. The federal members of the HTF developed a unified federal strategy to guide assistance to states and continued science support. Although achieving measurable water quality improvements takes time and extreme weather events pose challenges, specific instances of progress have been achieved by the HTF and its members.

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>>>>>> <07-16-15 Iowa Farmer Today_MS River and Gulf Of Mexico.docx>

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